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QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Question by Mr OSBORN (H-114/75)

Subject : Liquefaction and transportation of petroleum gases

To avoid waste of energy through the flaring of gases (as part of the extraction of oil), what initiatives are the Commission taking to promote the liquefaction and transportation of petroleum gases ?

2. Question by Mr KIRK (H-115/75)

Subject : Newspaper Industry

What action can the Commission take to help the Community newspaper industry overcome its present difficulties ?

3. Question by Sir Geoffrey DE FREITAS (H-125/75)

Subject : Kilometre tax

Why is at least one member state imposing a kilometre tax on each British motor coach passenger who enters that country ?

4. Question by Mr DALYELL (H-126/75)

Subject : Supply of uranium to the EEC

Will the Commission make a statement on the latest position in their negotiations about the supply of uranium to the EEC, with the United States Government ?

5. Question by Mr TERRENOIRE (H-130/75)

Subject : Mesures for the textile industry

In view of the continuing crisis in the natural or man-made textile industry, in the spinning, weaving and clothing sectors, does the Commission intend to propose measures to protect these sectors against excessive foreign competition, which sometimes contravenes the rules laid down in the Treaty of Rome and the GATT agreements ?

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6. Question by Mr KASPEREIT (H-133/75)

Subject : Dialogue between energy and raw material producing countries, consumer countries and poor countries

In view of the problem created by the considerable fluctuation in prices of raw materials and successive increases in the price of oil and the impoverishment of most developing countries, what steps do the Council and the Commission intend to take to bring about the resumption of the dialogue between the consumer countries, the producer countries and the poor countries, with a view to creating a new world economic balance ?

7. Question by Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS (H-136/75)

Subject : Milk production in EEC

Why has the level of liquid milk production within the EEC for the year ended June 1975 declined in relation to that of the previous year, 1974, and has not this trend been apparent in all the countries of the EEC, and what regulations of a hygiene nature inhibit the free movement of liquid milk supplies throughout the Community ?

8. Question by Mr CORRIE (H-140/75)

Subject : Trade and aid links between the Community and India

Does the Commission intend to continue to give the sympathetic attention to the development of trade and aid links between the Community and India in the light of India's retreat from democracy ?

9. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-141/75)

Subject : Medical Research

Does the Commission agree that the Community has a large potential role to play in the alleviation of human suffering, by promoting and co-ordinating medical research into diseases such as multiple sclerosis ?

10. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-145/75)

Subject: Crisis in the Community iron and steel industry

In view of the particularly serious difficulties now facing the Community iron and steel industry, does the Commission not feel that the EEC is in a period of manifest crisis?

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11. Question by Mr LAGORCE (H-157/75)

Subject: Present crisis in the iron and steel industry

Is the Commission aware of the serious difficulties facing the economy of Lorraine, which have been aggravated by the present crisis in the iron and steel industry, and what measures does the Commission intend to take to help the population of Lorraine to overcome these difficulties?

12. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-147/75)

Subject : Coresponsibility

How does the Commission justify the imposition of coresponsibility on agricultural producers at a time when agricultural input costs are soaring, agricultural incomes are falling and the gap between agricultural and industrial incomes is widening ?

13. Question by Mr de la MALÈNE (H-148/75)

Subject: Consequences of the entry of the Swiss franc into the European monetary 'snake'

Is not the agreement of principle recently reached in Brussels on the entry of the Swiss franc into the European monetary 'snake' of such a kind as to interfere on the one hand with the proper functioning of the European monetary system, particularly the complete re-insertion of all European currencies into this system, and, on the other hand, to confer privileges on a vaguely-defined European free trade area to the detriment of the economic and monetary union of the Nine?

14. Question by Mr HAMILTON (H-149/75)

Subject : Concept of a European single market economy

Does the Commission consider that the concept of a European single market economy based on free competition is compatible with regional policies designed to distort competition in the interests of deprived areas of the Community ?

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15. Question by Mr MARRAS (H-154/75)

Subject: Re-opening of the Sulcis mines

Can the Commission indicate its views on the advisability of a study by the Italian Government of the possibility of re-opening coalmining activities in the Sulcis coalfield (Carbonia, Sardinia) as part of an overall attempt to diversify the sources of energy supply?

16. Question by Mr NOE' (H-155/75)

Subject: Processing for the purposes of agricultural development of data obtained by teledetection

Does the Commission not think it would be desirable for more intensive work to be done by the Joint Research Centre on the processing of data made available by teledetection, so as to contribute, firstly, to the search for new resources and to the observation of factors of importance to agricultural development in the Member States.

Secondly, could this Community activity not become a valuable means of cooperating with certain developing countries, particularly those of Africa and the Mediterranean area?

17 Question by Mr SPICER (H-156/75)

Subject : Draft directive on equality of treatment between men and women workers ?

What steps is the Commission taking to ensure the full application in its own staff affairs of the standards set out in its draft directive on equality of treatment between men and women workers ?